Be Light in the Darkness! Sunday Morning, October 26, 2014

Thesis:

If we serve Christ and follow Him, no circumstance can hide the Light of Christ!

Introduction:

If We Serve Him, We Must Follow Him (John 12: 25 – 26)

25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

Psyche (Life) - Mind, Desire, Will Zoe (Life) - Eternal Life, Spiritual Realm

We can serve God with spiritual insight wherever we are!

If We Follow Him, We Are In His Light (I John 1: 5 – 7)

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

We cannot follow God, if we walk in <u>darkness</u>, following <u>ourselves</u>. When we walk in Light, our <u>love</u> will be <u>evident</u> toward each other!

If We Are in His Light, No Darkness Will Consume It (Philippians 1: 12 – 18)

12 But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,

13 so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; 14 and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill:

16 The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains;

17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.

18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

(Roman Jail Image)

Every <u>opportunity</u>, whether good or bad is an <u>opportunity</u> to be used <u>uniquely</u> to <u>share</u> the Light of the Gospel of Christ!

Conclusion:

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